



TIGHT LINES

September 2024 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) Trout Unlimited

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September, 2024 Rabun Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

Fellowship Hall of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church
8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA

Fellowship starts at 6:30 pm, Program starts at 7:00 pm

“Mind the Process: How Putting Trees in Streams Helps Trout” presented by Jeff Wright

Jeff Wright is TU National's Southern Appalachian Project Manager.

Jeff's passion for conservation and the outdoors stems from a childhood hunting, fishing, and generally running around exploring wild places. This upbringing led him to pursue a masters degree in biology, after which he spent a decade working and volunteering in education, leadership development, and nonprofit management.

Prior to the TU-National position, Jeff served as the president of the Overmountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Tennessee, assisting the board of directors in re-energizing the membership and building community connections to help carry out the TU mission locally.

Read more about Jeff here: <https://flylordsmag.com/boots-on-the-ground-jeff-wright/>



Important Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars Now!

- Tuesday, September 17. **Rabun Chapter Monthly Chapter Meeting.** Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Social starts at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, September 17. **Annual Chattooga River Electroshock Sampling.** Spoonauger section of the Chattooga River. Meet at the Burrells Ford bridge at 8:30 am. Rain date September 24. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Saturday, September 21. **GA Council Quarterly Meeting.** Anyone can attend. 9:00 am at the Lumpkin County Senior Citizen Center, Dahlonega, GA. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information
- Tuesday, September 24. **Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting.** Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Starts at 7:00 pm. Anyone can attend. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, October 22. **Rabun Chapter Monthly Chapter Meeting.** Location TBA. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Wednesday, November 13 - Sunday, November 17. **Annual Rabun Chapter Fall Campout.** [Oconee State Park](#), Mountain Rest, SC. Make your own campsite reservations. We will use Site #93 as our gathering place for meals and fellowship. Contact [Terry Rivers](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, December 17. **Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner.** Location TBA.
- Saturday, Jan 18, 2025. **38th Annual Rabun Rendezvous.** Rabun County Civic Center, Clayton, GA. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Note new date and venue. See page 3 for more information.

Connect with Rabun Chapter TU on Social Media

Are you on FaceBook or Instagram? Well the Rabun Chapter is too!

We invite you to follow us for timely fishing info, conservation news and alerts, and reminders of Chapter activities. We feature member photos and videos and share news from the motherships: - National and Georgia Council TU—as well as partners such as the US Forest Service and GA Department of Natural Resources. We even dish some hot fishing tips and post some just-for-fun content for all you trout fin-atics.

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Check out our website at www.rabuntu.org

Have photos, videos or news to share with Chapter members? Send them to Nanette O'Hara, Social Media Chair at oharacomm@gmail.com

RABUN RENDEZVOUS UPDATE!

Hello fellow Rabunites and friends of Rabun TU and Trout Unlimited. The Rabun Rendezvous is fast approaching and is less than five (5) months away.

I am sure you have heard the news: The Dillard House is in the process of being sold. While still in the due diligence process, we were notified that due to potential renovation plans and review criteria, events at the Dillard House planned after November, 2024 are not being honored.

We hate to hear that as The Dillard House has been the “Home of the Rabun Rendezvous” for many years. We just celebrated the 37th Rendezvous season. We will surely miss this venue and team in January!

We have been diligently searching for a different location in which to hold the Rendezvous. We are pleased to announce that this will be the new location and date for the 2025 Rabun Rendezvous:

Event: 2025 Rabun Rendezvous - #38
Location: Rabun County Civic Center, Clayton, GA
When: Saturday, January 18, 2025
Time: Event begins at 4:30 pm

We are still finalizing details for the event and will get that information to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please save the new date and location and plan to join us for the 38th annual Rabun Rendezvous. This is a great event where we enjoy fellowship with old and new friends, enjoy a great meal, recognize our fellow TU chapters and youth, and raise funds for the ongoing mission of Trout Unlimited! This event is the Rabun TU Chapter’s primary fund-raising event and we are very thankful for the support we have received over the years to help us fund cold water conservation, education and organization events and activities.

So come and join us at the Rabun County Civic Center! We hope to see you there on January 18th, 2025.

Thanks for being great supporters of the Rabun TU Chapter!

Ray King

Rabun Rendezvous Chair

Rabun TU Treasurer

Report of the Chapter's Participation in Leadership Georgia By Jeff Durniak, Past President

The Rabunites had a recent opportunity to spread their message far and wide. Charlie Breithaupt's former student, Don Grimsley, invited us to be part of his Rabun County program for this year's Leadership Georgia (LGA) class of 120 business, government, and community leaders from across the entire state.

Prez Tammy and Jeff were invited to attend the Sept 5 panel discussion, where Jeff as a panelist spoke of TU's mission, Rabunite accomplishments, and how each class LGA member can get involved in conservation.

On Friday, the 6th, the Rabunites really shined. They taught flycasting to these 120 members at the Burton Hatchery field. Three busloads of LGA members arrived through the day and rotated between fly casting, a hatchery tour, and a state park visit to learn of the great ecological, economic, and psychological benefits of our outdoor environment. These LGA members had a blast flinging our fly rods at fishy inflatable targets in the field. (Thanks to Jimmy Harris for the donated casting games)

Kudos go to members Charlie B, Tammy H, Rick and Nan O', Ray K, Ray G, David C, Jeff D, and UGA Five Rivers clubber Cole Young (who drove two hours from campus) for surviving NINE fly casting sessions from 8:30 to 4:30 PM. Everyone went home with sore feet, huge smiles, and a warm sense of accomplishment from all the thank-you's received from 120 "grown kids" who were totally engaged with casting.

Please thank these members when you see them in our next meeting. Hopefully they've planted seeds of conservation that may bloom across our entire state via this next generation of leaders.



Report of the “2024 Mack Martin Rod Sweepstakes” By Ray King, Fundraising Chairperson

On behalf of the Rabun TU Chapter, special thanks are awarded to Mack Martin, Atlanta Fly Fishing School, for his donation of a fly rod and fly reel. Mack has once again graciously donated a custom-built WINSTON AIR-2 BORON-Graphite 9', 4-weight, 4-piece fly rod, rod sock and Carbon-Fiber rod tube and a TFO NTR fly reel with Wulff TT 4-Weight Line with 100 yards 20-lb Backing to the Rabun TU Chapter for our annual fundraiser.

This year, the rod/reel fundraiser was held online and was a great success. We were able to raise **\$2,090.00** in revenue for use in supporting the mission of the Rabun TU Chapter. This year's sweepstakes exceeded last year's revenue by **OVER 12%!!**

THANK YOU, MACK!! Thank you to all who participated in this year's Rod/Reel sweepstakes. Without your support, the Rabun Chapter would not have been able to raise these funds for support of Trout Unlimited mission!

CONGRATULATIONS to the winner of this year's rod/reel fundraiser, **Stephen Raeber, Rabun TU chapter member**. Thank you, Stephen, for your support of our online fundraiser.



A Call for Volunteers! From Tammy Hopton, Chapter Prez

Did you also know the Rabun Chapter leadership sent a proposal to the local Forest Service agency over a year ago asking for action to be taken to improve our beloved Reed Creek watershed? It took several months for a more formal response due to changes in the Forest Service personnel, but earlier in the summer we had the opportunity to sit and discuss our requests with Towdy Tipton, David Vinson, and Brod Logan of the USFS and Leon Brotherton of GDNR.

Our concern with the Reed Creek Watershed is sedimentation getting into the creek. Of course, the biggest contributor to this sedimentation is the Burrells Ford Road. They are fully aware of this issue. We are too and will continue to remind the USFS of the road issues.

Another area of concern is the Double Bit campsites. These are three dispersed camping areas along the Hedden and Ridley Creeks. If you don't know, this is the birthplace of our chapter. It was during a campout that Doug Adams made the proposal to a group of his fishing buddies to form a chapter of Trout Unlimited to help protect the Chattooga River.

In the past, campers have left trash, painted rocks and drove their vehicles down close to the banks of Ridley and Hedden while camping at Double Bit. This has resulted in sedimentation going into those streams. The Forest Service has tried to remedy this by blocking off access into lower and upper Double Bit campsites with large rocks. Unfortunately, these rocks were moved and trees were chopped down in the lower Double Bit area in order to regain access closer into the campsite and closer to the creek banks. The result was more mud getting into Ridley and Hedden. The Forest service has considered several options to protect this area including closing the road into the campsites.

In our proposal, we asked permission for the Rabun Chapter to clean and monitor those campsites once a month for eight months out of the year, March through October. The idea is to keep the areas clean and just observe and report any changes in the campsites or vandalism. Hopefully we can improve the streams by keeping trash out of the creeks and preventing erosion before it happens.

What we have done so far is to add grass seed to raw ground to prevent erosion and have picked up trash for the months of June, July and August. But these tasks were done by just a few individuals and now we need more help. It's a great way to spend a few hours of a day: going to a beautiful spot, cleaning it up if it needs it, then maybe going fishing afterwards!

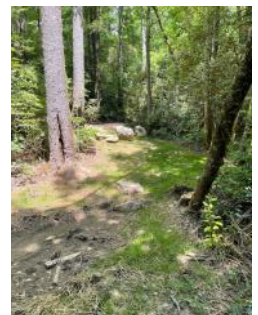
If you are interested in volunteering for a day of monitoring and cleaning the campsites at Double Bit, contact either myself or Steve Perry. It is not difficult work and will go a long way in protecting the creeks, keeping the campsites open for camping, and furthering our good relationship with the Forest Service and DNR.



Before erosion control



During erosion control



After erosion control

Hey Tammy,

I hope this message finds you well. As a Volunteer for Casting for Recovery Georgia, I'm reaching out with an opportunity that could make a tremendous impact on the women we serve. We've launched the "Win a Trip to THE XFLATS" sweepstakes, offering a chance to win an extraordinary fishing adventure in the Yucatan Peninsula, coupled with a prize package from top industry brands - valued at more than \$15,000!

But beyond the excitement of the prize, this campaign is about something much deeper. Each ticket sold using the link below directly supports Casting for Recovery Georgia's life-changing retreats, where women with breast cancer receive not only peer and medical support but also the empowering experience of learning to fly fish.

I believe this sweepstakes has the potential to be a game-changer for our Program, and I'm asking for your participation. Whether you choose to enter, share it with your network, or both, your involvement will amplify our efforts to make a difference in the lives of many women facing the challenges of breast cancer.

I'd truly appreciate it if you would share this email with the members of the Rabun Trout Unlimited Chapter.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support a cause so close to my heart. Together, we can create a ripple effect of hope and healing.

Thank you Tammy for Rabun TU's continued support of Casting for Recovery Georgia.

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Beverly Booth

Co-Program Coordinator, Casting for Recovery - Georgia

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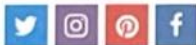
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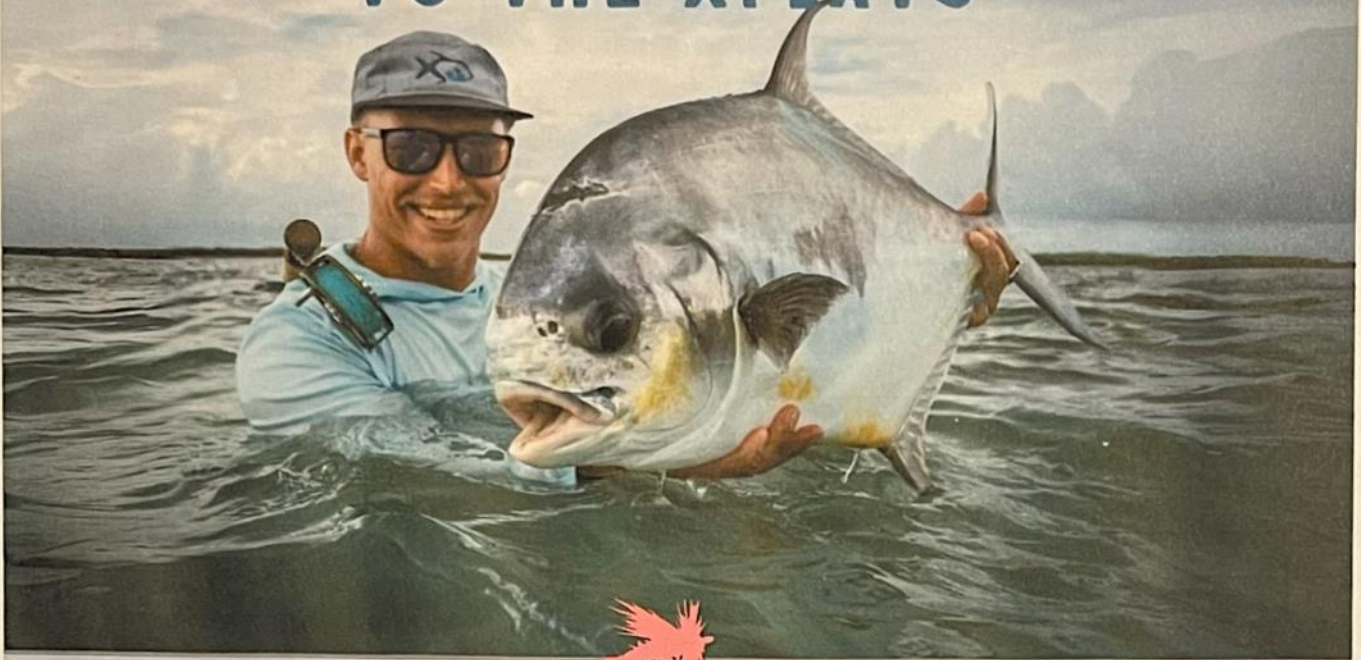
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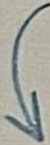
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Rabun Chapter
Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 371
Clayton GA, 30525

Jul 26, 2024

Dear Tammy Hopton,

Thank you for your donation, we received this week, of \$100 to the Highlands Church in memory of Monte Seehorn. Monte was a blessing to our congregation and is missed deeply.

Sincerely,

Sarah Eddy
Administrative Assistant
The Highlands Church

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Casting for Recovery

July 5, 2024

Tammy Hopton
Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
PO Box 371
Clayton, GA 30525-0010

"This program changed my life. It sounds so cliché to say that, but for as much as breast cancer changed the course of my life, my CfR retreat changed the course again and made me feel productive and gave me the hope and strength to continue on my breast cancer journey." — 2024 CfR participant

Dear Friends of CfR,

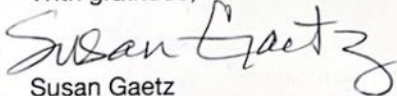
Thank you for your gift in support of Casting for Recovery (CfR). Your generosity brings hope and wellbeing to women fighting, surviving, and thriving through breast cancer.

We have close to 30 years of participant surveys that show our program works! Between 65 and 75 percent of the women who attend a CfR retreat have never been to a breast cancer support group. This tells us that our unique program appeals to many members of the breast cancer community who are not drawn to traditional resources but who are in need of support.

Each year, CfR introduces over 800 women to the therapeutic sport of fly fishing at one of our many retreats (60 in 2024) held across the country. One of the end goals is clear—to learn to cast a fly rod and, if lucky, to land a fish! Equally if not more important is CfR's objective to hold retreats that bring together women who have walked similar paths with cancer, and to provide oncology wellness support from compassionate medical and psychosocial professionals who are always accessible at each retreat.

Over the course of the weekend, many common themes emerge: but as each woman's breast cancer journey is unique, so is her experience at the retreat. At CfR, our hope is that each woman finds what she needs to move positively forward in her life. Thank you for helping CfR inspire women with breast cancer to flourish and live beautiful lives!

With gratitude,



Susan Gaetz
Executive Director

Date of Gift: 05/31/2024

Gift Amount: \$1,000.00

Comment: Thank you for supporting the Casting for Recovery Georgia program.

♥ Thank you so much!

For your records, Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization, EIN 03-0354382. This organization did not provide any goods, services or other privileges, in whole or part, for the contribution received. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of your contribution.



Crystal Uppercue
Director, Member Experience

July 9, 2024

Rabun Chapter of TU
Po Box 371
Clayton, GA 30525-0010

Dear Rabun Chapter of TU,

Thank you for your \$500.00 contribution received on 6/17/2024. We are grateful for your support during these changing times. We believe Trout Unlimited is more than a conservation organization—we are a community. We are united in our love for clean rivers and streams and the fish that inhabit them. We also share a love for the wide-open natural places that are perhaps more appreciated now than ever before. Thank you for helping to ensure that cold, clean, fishable waters are available for all of us and for future generations to enjoy.

We are fortunate to have the support of people like you—conservation-minded anglers who care about the future of America's rivers and streams and want to do something to protect them. For more than 50 years, we have demonstrated our commitment to conservation on the ground, where it matters most, by cleaning up polluted streams, restoring water to dried-up rivers, and educating the next generation to take care of fish and rivers.

Together, we are creating a legacy of cold, clean, fishable water nationwide. To find out more about our work, contact your local chapter or visit tu.org. Again, thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Crystal Uppercue

Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in August of 1993, requires you to keep written substantiation of gifts of \$250 or greater in order to claim a deduction for your contribution. This letter serves as a receipt for the above gift.

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PROJECT HEALING WATERS

Dear Friend of PHW,

On behalf of our Veterans and military service members who are supported in their healing journey through Project Healing Waters (PHW) activities, we thank you for your generous \$500 contribution for the Auburn program given on 7/26/2024. Your gift is an inspiration to us all and helps us cast a lifeline to Veterans in need.

PHW uses the restorative activities of fly fishing to help our participants adapt, heal, and discover Post-Traumatic Growth. Our programs offer a very special kind of rehabilitative therapy: a therapy based not only on the fly rod and vise, but also the incredible healing power of camaraderie among fellow Veterans and the mentoring and friendship provided by strong, caring volunteers.

The PHW program is free for participants, so financial and in-kind donations are critical in providing us with the resources needed to sustain and grow our programs. Your gift will help us purchase the equipment and supplies necessary to support ongoing, year-round fly fishing instruction, classes, and trips. You are helping us change lives and you can trust PHW to be responsible stewards of your generous donation.

We invite you to learn more about PHW on our web site, www.projecthealingwaters.org, and follow us on social media to read about our extraordinary participants, volunteers, trips, and activities across the nation.

Again, thank you for your support and commitment to our mission to improve the health, resilience, and well-being of our participants throughout their healing journey.

Respectfully,

John "Saint" Langford
CEO
Project Healing Waters

Please note: PHWFF is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Our Federal EIN is 61-1518154. PHWFF did not provide you with any goods or services in consideration for your donation. Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in August of 1993, requires you to keep written substantiation of gifts of \$250 or greater in order to claim a deduction for your contribution. This letter hereby serves as a receipt for the above gift.

Fishing Reports

West of Hiwassee: Icelandic Fishing

Submitted by Peter Croes

It's a well-known fact that Rabunites leave their home waters during our midsummer to go "West of Hiwassee" to ply our fly-fishing skills on both old favorite locales or even venture out to new uncharted territory unknown to them! Think Alaska is the land of the midnight sun, Iceland's nights are about the same as dusk in Dillard!

This is such a story about a fly-fishing adventure which, ironically enough, can trace its origin back to Gwinnett County and the Atlanta Fly Fishing show! Immediately upon venturing into the show there was an Outfitter who caught Jeanie's attention as he brokered trips in Iceland. Brochures were taken; reservations were changed and we planned to travel to Reykjavik; now you can get there going west although it's quicker to fly thru JFK International and then await your flight hopping it is on schedule as all of the service facilities - including the new Delta One Lounge- close at 11:00PM and you move towards your gate for our 11:50 departure; unfortunately our departure was delayed about four hours and our meal was served around 5AM +/- and lamb was just not a breakfast dish on this Georgia boy's stomach. None the less we arrived in Reykjavik (the old abandoned US Military Base) secured our luggage and proceeded toward the exit looking for our driver; NAUGHT, and we found a taxi for the 57-kilometer ride to our hotel . . . When it came time to pay the fare, I thought we'd made a car payment!

Enough of the anticipation ant the next morning Onua "Una" picked Jeanie and I and we were off to Villingavatn In the wilderness of the national park. On that ride we passed by a secure confined compound and were amazed to find out that it was Iceland's woman's prison and had six (6) inmates which confirmed the country's low crime rate!



A view of the marshy trek ahead after 15- or 20-minutes of walking from the area where we parked!



Jeanie indicating the size of fish she intended to catch!

Fishing Reports, cont.

We entered into the farm where we were going to fly fish, parked and geared up for our hike -and I mean hike- about a mile and one half from our ride. The terrain was very challenging to navigate due to the semi steep terrain, rocks, wind, and marshlands! The fishing lake was in full view and only four rods a day were allowed; and it looked similar in size to Lake Rabun. when we reached the water, the guide was enthusiastically pointing to the other side where she wanted to fish as it was her honey hole and physically challenged before the lines were strung up, we said NO! To get to that side it was further around than we had hiked in thus far and an even marshier route than we had initially experienced.

Onua (Una) tied on a dry fly on my 9WT with an 8WTF line and 9' leader. Did I mention that the winds were 15 to 22 mph? I'd long since forgotten -lost- the muscle memory for loading the rod on a double haul although I doubt Lefty Kreigh, Flip Pallot, or even a fishing buddy from Everglades City Steve Huff would have enjoyed that challenge. Needless to say, neither of us had a strike nor caught us had a fish under these conditions so our guide went to plan B and returned with two dark side outfits!

Una filled the floats about half way and retired a fly! Well, with a 1-1/2 to 2 oz. Bobber on the spinning outfit I was able to get the 3' leader and magic fly out to where Onua wanted me to fly cast too; now the slow/fast retrieves begin as I painted a 40 yard wide area as Jeanie was also doing further down the lake.

The other two rods arrived early afternoon and I was tired so I walked further, sat down on the banks edge -with my feet in the cool soothing water- and began the same routine in my new location. No fish were biting on the other distant side either!

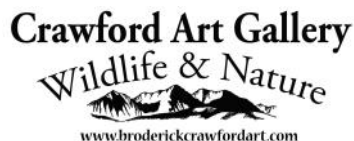
After a while Jeanie and I were both spent having had all the fun we could have told Onua that we were ready to call it a day! She offered to take us to another location but we elected on her other suggestion and to do sightseeing with her which we did.

And in closing it was a great trip in a magnificent country which we will never see again; and we caught 0 fish and had 0 bites; and the other 2 rods on the lake that day had similar results, even when they came back for Dark Thirty Fishing!



Una and I after switching to spinning outfits

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*Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!
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You are Invited to Join Trout Unlimited!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the membership page of Trout Unlimited. Once you join, TU will assign you to the nearest Chapter according to your Zip Code. If you wish to be a member of the Rabun Chapter regardless of your Zip Code, specify Chapter 522 in your application.

If you have any questions, contact the Chapter Membership Chairperson [Mike Anderson](#).

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

No new members this month.

Current Chapter membership: 171 adult members and 3 youth members.

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

[Tammy Hopton](#)

[Trey McFalls](#)

[Ray King](#)

[David Ruth](#)

[Jeff Durniak](#)

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Director thru 03/25

Director thru 03/26

Director thru 03/27

Director thru 03/28

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[Pat Hopton](#)

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Memorials

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September Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Mid am to late pm	18 Brown or Grey Elk Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey Caddis	Late	Late pm	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/ Yellow & Brown 14-16 Dun and Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early am and Late pm	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair Caddis 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Late pm	20-22 Polywing Black Spinner
Midges	All month	All day	18-22 Griffiths Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials	All month	All day	Ants, beetles, crickets, inch worms, etc.
None at all	All Month	All day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Zug Bug

HOOK: Nymph #10-16

THREAD: Olive

TAIL: 4-6 Peacock Swords

BODY: Peacock Herl Palmer with Silver Tinsel

BACK: Black, Brown, or Yellow Foam Rubber

WING CASE: Wood Duck

LEGS: Brown Hackle

HEAD: Brass Bead



ONE OF MY FAVORITE FLIES TO FISH AS A DROPPER. DURING A CADDIS HATCH ON TOP AND THE RISES SLOW DOWN DROP THIS IMITATION OF A CASE CADDIS BEHIND A DRY CADDIS IT HAS DONE THE JOB FOR ME. JUST FOR HISTORY OF THIS FLY WAS INVENTED IN 1930 BY J. CLIFF ZUG.

Prez Notes

Hope you all had a wonderful summer! I am looking forward to some rain and cooler weather! It feels like summer has been extra muggy this year. But I can feel a little change in the air, so maybe fall will make an early appearance!

Change happens quickly. Sometimes you know it's coming but it happens faster than you expect. That has happened to our Rendezvous. We have all heard the rumors concerning the Dillard House. We knew that if those rumors were true, it could impact our fundraising event.

If you read Ray's note above you see that we have changed the location and date of the Rendezvous. Please make a note on your calendar and save date! Tell your friends!

Ray has been working hard to make this transition smooth, so keep posted to see how you can help him.

Our history with the Dillard House has been long and memorable... we will miss being there this year. Change can be unnerving but it can also be exciting! Who knows, this may be leading to a whole new era!

We have some great events this summer. Just recently, Jeff Durniak participated as a panelist for the Georgia Leadership meeting here in Clayton. Then we had the chance to give a brief casting lesson to the group as well. It was a great experience for all involved. It was also a good opportunity for us to impress upon this group of future business and political leaders, the importance of sustainable growth. We love where we live and want to keep it beautiful and healthy. Rabun Chapter's part in the event took a lot of work and communication on Jeff's part and we really appreciate him making this happen!

I love seeing and reading the fishing reports from over the summer! We have some adventurous members. Our members certainly love fishing in our backyard but we also like to see how the fish are biting in other waters. From the Smoky Mountains to Alaska to Iceland, you never know where you will find a Rabunite. So for all you folks that traveled out of state to fish this summer, send your fishing reports to Pat so he can include them in next month's Tightlines!

Keep up the good work. If you haven't gotten involved, please raise your hand and volunteer!

Prez Tammy